

City of Allentown

Emergency Solutions Grant Program

Providers' Information

**1. Sixth Street Shelter- operated by Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley**

Capacity:	20 Apartments (when renovations are complete, there will be 25)
Population Served:	Families with at least one child under the age of 18
Regulations:	Must be referred by another agency (Pathways, Children and Youth) cannot be intoxicated, no weapons allowed
Length of Stay:	Up to 60 days:
Services:	Provides case management, access to a computer lab, family resource center, food and basic necessities, offers parenting classes, monthly health clinic.
Misc:	there is a waiting list, must be a Lehigh Valley resident for at least six months  Ultimate goal- discharge to permanent, stable housing

**2. Turner Street Apartments-operated by Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley**

Capacity:	12 units
Population Served:	families with children
Regulations:	must be enrolled in an education program, cannot be intoxicated, no weapons allowed
Length of Stay:	18-24 months
Services:	transitional housing program
Misc:	upon discharge, successful candidates exit with a Section 8 Voucher which may be used anywhere in Lehigh County except the City of Allentown  Must complete an application process and the best candidate is selected

### **3. Salvation Army**

Capacity:	45 beds ( 5 beds for single women) 8 rooms for families
Population Served:	women and women with children
Regulations:	cannot be intoxicated, no weapons allowed, guests are screened to protect children
Length of Stay:	45 days
Services:	case management, food, ultimate goal to release to safe, affordable permanent housing
Misc:	soon to be converting six units on the second floor to permanent housing for single women

### **4. Linkage-Lehigh County Conference of Churches**

Capacity:	Not applicable
Population Served:	Homeless persons on the streets, not residing in homeless camps
Services:	Street outreach ministry to assist homeless persons and connect them to a myriad of services available in the community (for example, obtaining id's, food banks, bus tickets for job interviews, housing)

### **5. Homeless Supportive Services-Lehigh County Conference of Churches**

Services:	intensive case management for single, disabled chronically homeless individuals, assists no less than 37 persons per year
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### **6. Clearinghouse-Lehigh County Conference of Churches**

Services:	funded through Health Choices of Lehigh County  Provides intake and referral for mental health and housing at the County level, helps people transition in place until permanent housing placement
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### **7. Pathways –Lehigh County Conference of Churches**

Services:	depending on the funding source, may offer one month rent or security deposit  Homeless prevention funds- for households under 30% AMI may pay rent or utilities for a limited time
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Rapid Re-Housing funds- rent or security deposits for homeless persons in shelters or living on the streets

**8. HUD 2 Program –Lehigh County Conference of Churches**

Services: Provides permanent housing for 22 chronic homeless individuals with disabilities, also case management is tied to this program

**9. HUD 3 Program-Lehigh County Conference of Churches**

Services: Provides permanent housing to up to 18 chronically homeless veterans, families or youth aging out of the foster care system

**10. Allentown Rescue Mission: Emergency Shelter**

Capacity: 48 emergency shelter beds

Population Served: homeless men

Regulations: Must receive a voucher from police department that there are no outstanding arrest warrants, cannot be intoxicated, no weapons allowed, required to shower daily, perform light chores

Length of Stay: 10 days, may come back after 90 days

Services: Provides case management, access to a computer lab, evening meal, basic necessities, health clinic.

Misc: ultimate goal is to end the person's homelessness by connecting to programs and services. Have never turned anyone away because they exceeded capacity

**11. Allentown Rescue Mission-Christian Living Program**

Capacity: 12 men

Services: 8 week program with various classes to help secure employment upon graduation

**12. Allentown Rescue Mission-New Creations Program**

Capacity: 18 men

Services: Sober living for formerly homeless men with classes and services before they return transition back into the community

**13. Allentown Rescue Mission-Berean Hall**

Capacity: 13 men

Services: temporary transitional housing for homeless clients who do not need a sober living environment

### **Discussion on Gaps in Services**

- **There is a growing need for beds for women and families**
- **Not enough affordable permanent supportive units for persons to stay after leaving a shelter or stabilizing program**
- **Transition from HPRP to ESG HP changed the requirement from under 50% AMI to under 30% AMI**
- **Rapid Re-housing- never enough funding or enough affordable units available**